

IPT Online



What?

The IPT (Idea Proficiency Test) is one assessment commonly used for language proficiency testing in Nebraska. This test includes the four language domains (reading, writing, speaking, and listening) and provides an indication of fluency. For detailed information, see the IPT website: <http://www.ballard-tighe.com/ipt/index.html>.

Test Materials

Grades K-1

- Oral Test Pictures Book, Grades K-6, Form G (*must be returned to ESU 4*)
- Reading & Writing Examiner's Manual (*must be returned to ESU 4*)
- Writing Test Booklet (consumable)
- Reading Test Booklet (consumable)
- Access to Online Reading & Writing and Oral Tests

Grades 2-5

- Oral Test Pictures Book, Grades K-6, Form G (*must be returned to ESU 4*)
- Access to Online Reading & Writing and Oral Tests

Grades 6-12

- Oral Test Pictures Book, Grades 6-12, Form E (*must be returned to ESU 4*)
- Access to Online Reading & Writing and Oral Tests

Why?

Nebraska Rule 15 requires the use of this kind of assessment when the results of the Home Language Survey Questions indicate a student speaks a language other than English. The IPT provides useful information about a student's level of language proficiency to inform instruction and LEP programming.

How Much?

The cost is **\$20** per student battery (i.e., Oral, Reading & Writing). *For example, if you need to test a third grade student, the cost will be \$20 total for the student. This includes the oral, reading, and writing components, as well as the postage necessary to get print copies to you.* Since Title III cannot be used for assessment costs, your fee will help maintain this service (i.e., update IPT materials and purchase additional online tests as necessary). As the fiscal agent, ESU 4 will bill your district.

How?

1. To obtain the assessment for one or more students, contact Jen Madison (jmadison@esu4.net or 402.274.4354).
2. Provide the required information to Jen.
 - District Name
 - Examiner
 - First and Last Name
 - Phone Number
 - Email
 - School Address (for sending print materials)
 - Student
 - First and Last Name
 - Birthdate (required for scoring accuracy)
 - Unique ID (e.g., district or state ID)
 - Gender
 - Ethnicity
 - Primary Language
 - Grade
3. The examiner will receive an email providing further instructions as well as the necessary print materials via postal mail.
4. Your district will be billed by ESU 4 for \$20 per student battery (Oral, Reading & Writing Components).
5. Prepare the examiner as necessary:
 - [IPT Oral - Quick Start Guide for Examiners \(PDF\)](#)
 - [IPT Oral - Quick Start Guide for Examiners \(Video\)](#)
 - [IPT R&W - Quick Start Guide for Examiners \(PDF\)](#)
6. Administer the test(s), access, print, and file reports locally. *Don't forget to code the student correctly in NSSRS (field 95) and notify the parents of program placement.*
7. Return non-consumable print materials to ESU 4 as soon as possible.

Questions?

- Jen Madison, ESU 4: jmadison@esu4.net or 402.274.4354
- Ballard & Tighe IPT Helpdesk: <http://www.bt-helpdesk.com/ipt/index.php>

Project History

In the spring of 2014, three Nebraska ESUs collaborated for the initial purchase of the Ballard & Tighe Online IPT for use by regional districts. Prior to this, ESU 6 maintained a set of IPT materials for schools to borrow; however, these materials were out of date and Title III funding was no longer available for assessment expenses. ESU 4 agreed to initiate and manage the new system, and the ESU Administrators agreed, so the project was born!